



2014 - 2015 Agenda & Notes

The ELL Network is a forum for southeast Nebraska district personnel to discuss issues related to the education of English Language Learners. These sessions are the primary means of sharing information throughout the ESU 6 Title III Consortium; however, a majority of our time is devoted to studying effective instruction, sharing and exploring resources, learning of updates from NDE, and networking with colleagues. We welcome all districts and personnel interested in English Language Learners, regardless of Title III affiliation or position.

For more information and materials, please visit www.esu6ell.wikispaces.com !

January 16, 2014

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: NCSA, Lincoln, NE

Cost: \$0 (no breakfast or lunch included)

Attendees

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- Jen Madison, ESU 4
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- On-Demand Resource Study (If you find a topic not applicable, please peruse the resources and share your findings!)
 - Brainstorm Topic
 - Develop a Research Question
 - Conduct Preliminary Investigation
 - <http://esu6ell.wikispaces.com/Resources>
 - If you find useful sources other than those listed on [our wikispace](#), please add the link in this document.
 - *Share your findings here...*

● NDE Updates, Q & A

- NDE Update
- New ELP Standards
 - <http://www.education.ne.gov/NATLORIGIN/ELPStandards.html>
- 2014-2015 Testing Dates
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● Rule 15 Check-Up (*time permitting*)

- Section 004: Language Instruction Educational Programs
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 - [Nebraska English Language Proficiency \(ELP\) Standards](#)

● Ignite Sessions (*time permitting*)

- *Ignite us with an idea! Take up to five minutes to share a strategy, resource, or idea that is effective for you!*
- SERP Word Generation and ELL Companion Materials (Jen)
 - This is a completely free set of materials for teaching and reinforcing general academic vocabulary. It now has companion materials for ELLS. It is worth a close look! Jen has all of the lessons downloaded, so contact her for more information.
 - <http://wordgen.serpmedia.org/>
 - <http://aala.serpmedia.org/>
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● 12:00pm Close & Adjourn

- Future Sessions:
 - May 1, 2015
- Please complete the Event Survey for today!
- Don't forget to submit a [Funding Request form](#) for your mileage!

- Next Steps / Items for Next Session

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September 23, 2014

Time: 9:00 am - noon

Location: NCSA, Lincoln, NE

Cost: \$0 (no breakfast or lunch included)

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- Jen Madison, ESU 4
- Terri Schuster, NDE
- Sarah Ronoh, Wilber-Clatonia
- Michelle Dutton, Lewiston
- Jen Wickard, Crete
- Ashleigh Lange, Nebraska City
- Salome Ausin-Dodge, Beatrice Public Schools
- ruth Merrett - Norris School District
- Janet Burger, Wilber-Clatonia
- Veronica Ortiz, Wilber-Clatonia
- Kyla Petersen, Dorchester Public School
- Peter Lyness, Milford Public
- Jason Hippen, Nebraska City Public
- John Denner, Southern Schools
- Lisa Weber- Johnson County Central Public Schools
- Jon Squier- Malcolm Public Schools
- Patti Puterbaugh-Malcolm Public Schools
- Beth Roelfs- Diller-Odell Public Schools
- Marta Calhoun, Nebraska City Public
- Connie Biaggio, Seward

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 - [Handouts](#)
 - [Interaction Sequence Strategy](#)
 - *After Jen's presentation, the group had a discussion about how we might scaffold language structures by providing newcomers a set of school sentence stems (e.g., "May I....", "I need...")*
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 - <http://www.education.ne.gov/NATLORIGIN/ELPStandards.html>
 - Oregon MOOC: <http://www.elpa21.org/news-events/upcoming-events>
 - *Jen will contact Nancy Rowch about helping us work through the standards.*
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- ELPA21
 - will replace the ELDA in 2015-16
 - will be field tested and piloted this spring (2014-15)
 - will be entirely online, includes text-speech and recording
 - likely to require headsets with mics

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- Nick Ziegler, ESU 5 technology and language expert, was prepared to present the following resources; however, he agreed to postpone his session until our January session. (Thanks, Nick!)
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- What are other districts are doing with their limited/non-English speaking kids for MAP testing. What accommodations are being provided? How often are these students being tested with MAP?
 - In order for scores to be valid, districts should adhere to the NWEA MAP Accommodations Checklist: <https://www.nwea.org/resources/accommodations-checklist/>.
 - *Jen will look into the participation requirements for standardized testing.*
- Online IPT Update
 - ESUs 4, 5, and 6 have funded the updated IPT! The initial purchase (\$1,226.60) includes K-12 Oral, Reading and Writing components, some of which are administered online.
 - ESU 4 will house, manage, and distribute the assessments
 - Cost: \$20 per battery per student (includes reading, writing, oral; initial postage)
 - Go to <http://esu6ell.wikispaces.com/IPT+Online> for details!
- What models are being used to support/transition students in secondary core classes? (tabled)
- How are we labeling ELLs who are monitored in NSSRS? Are they 5+ years or LEP Duration, or are they no longer LEP? If they are monitored, does that mean they are still Eligible for ELL? Are they still participating in ELL even though they are only monitored?
 - When a student meets LEP exit requirements, his/her status in Field 95 of NSSRS should be changed to *Redesignated 1-2 Years*. After the two year monitoring period, the student's status should be changed to *Redesignated > 2 Years*.
 - If the student struggles during the two-year monitoring period, then best practice would be to convene a SAT team and to document the student's difficulty and the support provided. If the team

determines the student requires significant language services, then the student may be re-classified as LEP. A language proficiency screening assessment may provide helpful information, but is not required.

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 - *New NCLB application for 2014-15 not yet available.
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 - May 1, 2015
- Participants completed an Event Survey for the session.
- Participants were encouraged to submit a [Funding Request form](#) for mileage to this session. Substitutes will be paid from the sign-in sheet.

- Notes for Next Session

- Problem-Solving Activity (Jen)
 - Share survey feedback (Topic, How Addressed)
 - Revisit language objectives (even briefly)
 - Rule 15 Checkup (emphasize monitored areas)
 - Terri not able to attend
 - ELL Tech - Nick
 - Another Module? (Jen W.)
 - ELP Standards Study
 - Print ELP standards for each participant.
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